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Men's Golf

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GAINESVILLE, Fla. – The Georgia Southern men's golf team fired an even-par 280, tied for the second-lowest of the day, to finish seventh at the Gator Invitational Sunday at Mark Bostick Golf Club.

The Eagles (+18) were three strokes behind fifth-place Liberty (+15), and topped No. 46 West Virginia (+19) by a stroke. Host Florida (-12), ranked 31st in the country, won the tournament, and No. 19 Vanderbilt (+6) took second. The field featured seven top-50 teams and six top-100 individuals.

[Ben Carr](#) (-1) fired a 65 to lead the Eagles and finished eighth, and [Jake Maples](#) carded an even-par 70 to tie for 24th. [Colin Bowles](#) shot 73 to tie for 31st.

The story

Carr made four birdies to shoot 31 on the front nine and added birdies on 12 and 17. Maples made two birdies and two bogeys en route to his 70. Bowles shot 1-under on his first 12 holes with a birdie on 3.

Quotables from Coach [Carter Collins](#)

"I'm very proud of the preparation and effort the team put into this week. This course requires a lot of focus, patience and grit - the Eagles showed all three from beginning to end. It was the toughest I've ever seen the course played, and they handled the conditions very well. This event was an elite field and one of the toughest we will see all year. We are continuing to take steps forward, and I can't wait to see where this path leads us. Go Eagles!!"

Scores

Team – 289-289-280=858 (+18), 7

[Ben Carr](#) - 71-73-65=209 (-1), 8

[Jake Maples](#) – 75-70-70=215 (+5), T24

[Colin Bowles](#) – 69-74-73=216 (+6), T31

[Brett Barron](#) – 74-76-72=222 (+12), T56

[Wilson Andress](#) – 82-72-77=231 (+21), T79

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The Eagles play at the Colleton River Collegiate in Beaufort, S.C., March 2-3.